## Indiana Legislature.

SESSION 1849-50. SENATE.

TUESDAY, January 15.

Reports of Standing Committees. By Mr Harvey, the bill for the relief of William Sterner; read second and third times and passed. By Mr Herod, that the bill to amend certain sections of

the Revised Statutes of 1843, be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in. By Mr Herod, that the bill to amend the Revised Statutes of 1843 be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in.

By Mr Buckles, the bill to amend section 53, chapter 45, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; read a second and third times and passed.

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By Mr Buckles, to amend the law relative to the criminal

Mr Hardin, from the committee on free conference, relative to the disagreement with the House of Representatives, a 2d reading.

on the House amendment to the convention bill, which provides that no office holder shall be delegate in the conven- be printed. tion, reported that the committee were unable to agree; Mr. Dougherty of B. moved that the motion to print be whereupon the committee was discharged.

Mr Walpole moved that the Senate adhere to their disa

Mr Dawson moved that the Senate recede from their die The chair decided that the last motion had precedence.

Mr Walpole appealed from the decision of the chair; the decision of the chair was sustained-ayes 25, noes 11. The motion to secede was not sustained-ayes 17, noes 29. On motion of Mr Miller, another committee of free conference was appointed.

les, Herod-and Harvey, from standing committees, reported exemption. bills on their second reading, which were passed to a third

On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

laid on the table-ayes 24, noes 20.

The Senate met. Bills read a Third Time and passed. To provide for the election of town-hip assessors in Steu-

ben county.

To amend the charter of the Richmond and Terre Haute railroad company. Mr Holloway moved to commit the bill with instructions, On motion of Mr Hamelek, the bill and instructions were

Mr Walpole moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill and instructions were laid on the table; carrid-ayes 20, The question being on laying the bill and instructions on the table, lost-ayes 13, noes 24.

The bill was then recommitted to a select committee, and the instructions offered by Mr Holloway were adopted. To define the duties of the treasurer of Dearborn and other counties.

Relative to the sale of school lands in certain counties therein named. Defining the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Marion and Boone counties. To amend the common school law; laid on the table.

To locate a State road from Warsaw to Plymouth, To incorporate the Drewsburgh turnpike company. To legalise the acts of George R. Proctor. To prevent the sale of liquor in Lewisville. Relative to the extra pay of the clerk and auditor of the

county of Parke Mr Garver, on leave, reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Indianapolis and Peru railroad company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time

Mr Miller, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the times and passed.

the Franklin and White River turupike company; read twice; when twice and referred to the committee on Finance. Mr Hubbard, on leave, reported back the bill to amend the charter of the White Water Valley canal company; read long as they continue in session. a second time, sules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed-uyes 27, noes 17.

or er of the Knox probate court; read three times and retrenehment and reform bill, and would be a burning shame road from Newcastle to Dublin; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Mr Montgomery, on leave, introduced a bill to vacate the

times and passed. Mr Allen, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the of business, the Legislature held its sessions for thirteen Fort Wayne and Columbia plank road; read twice and referred to the committee on Corporations. Mr Hubbard, on leave, reported back the bill to incorpo-

Mr Houghton, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief of the estate of William Harris, deceased, late of the county

of Martin; read three times and passed. Mr Morrison, on leave, reported back the bill to amend the common school law; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed.

Mr Miller, on leave, seported back the bill to incorporate the Fort Wayne, Auburn and Steuben plank road company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third Mr Porter reported back the bill to amend the charter of

read a third time and passed. Mr Eddy, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for collecting delinquent taxes in Elkhart county ; read three times and passed.

Madison; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill

a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time | the House.

the Brookville literary and scientific lyceum; read a second noes 55. time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and

Mr Dawson, on leave, reported back the bill to compe speculators to pay a road tax equal to that paid by actual settlers in Lagrange county; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. A joint resolution of the House on the subject of the pub-lic lands in the State of Indiana, was read three times and

Sundry House biris were taken up; sead twice and seferled to the appropriate committees. Several bills were reported back on their second reading. and passed to a third reading.

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TUESDAY MORNING, Jan. 15. which were referred.

Mr. Shepard, on leave, introduced a resolution that the House will meet during the remainder of the session at 81 dist Church in St. Louis, Bartholomew county, to convey O'clock A. M. and 11 o'clock P. M; which was adopted. house and lot; read 3 times and passed.
On motion of Mr. Wright, a resolution was adopted, that By Mr. Barker, to incorporate Evo the committee on elections be instructed to enquire into the Congregation of Christians of Dubois county; read 3 tim s expediency of making a change in the present law, concern- and passed. ing the time of closing the polls in the several counties in By Mr. Wilson, a joint resolution relative to compensation

appointment of a private secretary to the Governor, not to passed. receive more than three hundred dollars per annum, for ser- | The bill declaratory of the meaning of 129th section o vices as private secretary and executive messenger; which general road law was read 3 times and passed; also, was read (wice; when Mr. Whinery moved that the bill be referred to the committee of ways and means; which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Prather moved that the bill be laid upon the table ; which motion did not prevail, ayes 40, noes 51. The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.
Mr. Edwards, to whom was referred the question whether

the agents of State have made improper charges for incident-al expenses, and whether, if such be the case, they are liable on their official bonds, reported that they are unable to dollars are paid at each session. This he considered an iminvestigate the subjects referred to them for want of time, position. Three dollars he believed would be sufficient, and ask to be di-charged; which accordingly was done by which would save some fifteen hundred dollars annually to the House.

Mr. Camahan of F. reported back the bill for the appointment of guardians of children whose parents have become insane, which was read a 3d time and passed.

Mr. Cole, from the committee of free conference, on the part of the House, appointed to meet a committee of the Senate, to take into consideration the disagreement of the two Houses, on the Convention bill, reported that the committees of the two Houses had conferred together and were in-truction to enquire into the frauds alleged by the gentleunable to agree, and asked to be discharged; when the com- man from Posey. mittee was discharged accordingly.

The bill to authorize the transfer of liens of mechanics

on buildings was read a 3d time and passed. Mr. Prather introduced a bill explanatory of the the election of assessors, &c., in Jennings county; read 3

Mr. Farusley reported back the bill for the incorporation of the Petersburgh and Ohio river plank road company; which was ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to attach a portion of Delaware to Blackford. Mr. Mickle moved to amend the bill, so that in paying the Mr. Our's amendment, the tax-payers in the attached terri- of road tax in Mismi; also,

Mr. Orr moved that the hill be indefinitely which motion did not prevail, ayes 31, n es 47.

Mr. Huey moved the previous question; which being sus-tained, was put to-wit; Shall the amendment be engineed and the bill read a third time? and decided in the affirma-

Mr. Gentry reported back the bill of the Senate extending sonville. the term of the probate court of Monroe county; which was Mr. Athon, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the perread a 3d time and passed. Mr. Hunter reported a bill to incorporate tee Engle creek in the city of Indianapolis, for a Law and Medical College,—plank road company in Marion county; read twice and re- one half arre to each; read twice, when

By Mr. Niblack, a bill for a State road from Orleans, Or- ernor shall appoint three appraisers, and to give public no-ange county, to Newberry in Greene county; read 3 times tice of the amount to which the property is appraised, and

By Mr. Stewart, a bill to authorize auditor of Henry to sell tract of land belonging to school foud in said county; the town of Indianapolis.

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Mr. Thom reported back the bill to incorporate the Madison and Chiffton water-works; read 3d time and passed.

Mr. Carnahan of P. reported back Sen-te bill to incorporate the Mount Vernon Insurance company ; read 3d time and

Mr Butler, from the select committee, to whom was referred, the subject of abolishing the office of State Agent made a dejurisdiction of justices of the peace; read second and third tailed report on the subject, accompanied by a joint resolution times and passed. the office of Agent of State; which was read and passed to

Mr. Wright moved that one thousand copies of the report

laid upon the table; which motion prevailed. The joint resolution opposes abolishing the office of State Agent for the present; but proposes that the bondholders, if they think proper, shall make arrangement with some institution for the transfer of stock, &c., and if se, they shall give notice to the Agent of State, which shall be laid before the next Legislature.

Mr. Connor reported a bill to incorporate the Cannelton Savings Institution; read 3 times and passed.

Mr. Brown of R. reported back the homestead exemption messes Miller and Porter were appointed said committee
Messes Garver, Winstandley, Hendricks, Morrison, Buckand real estate for two thirds its value, over and above the

Mr. Brown of S. moved that the bill and amendments be aid on the table, stating that it must be abvious to every gentleman on the floor, that this bill cannot pass at the present session; which motion prevailed, ayes 48, noes 42. Mr. O'Haver moved that the bill more effectually to suppress the sale of spini uous liquors, reported by the Temper-

ance committee, be taken up, and made the order of the day or this afternoon; which motion did not prevail. Mr Goodwin introduced a bill to amend the act on the subject of retailing spirituous liquors, so as to apply to Daviess county; read 3 times and passed. Mr. Carr, on leave introduced a joint resolution, suspend-

ing the operation of a law relative to an additional place of holding elections in Richland township, Greene county; which he said was offered at the request of the Senator from Mr. Humphreys moved that the joint resolution be indefin-

itely postponed. Before the question was taken, On motion, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Shelby gave notice, that he would on to-morrow morning move to amend that part of the standing order of business which requires, when the orders of the day are taken up the messages of the Senate shall be first acted on. A large number of bills of the Senate were read and passed to the further action of the House.

The bill of the Senate, to amend the charter of the Cross Plains and Laughery turnpike company was read 3 times and passed; also, The bitl in relation to the wardens and vestry-men of the

Protestant Episcopal Church. The joint resolution in relation to the African slave trade was taken from the table; when Mr. Cravens moved to indefinitely postpone; which motion did not prevail, ayes 24, noes 44.

Mr. Shepard moved to lay on the table; not carried, ayes

28, noes 48. The joint resolution was read a third time and passed. Mr Hardin, on leave, introduced a bill to authorise the Madison and Indianapolis railroad company to take stock in gislature for 1850 on the last Monday in December was read

Mr. Hillis moved to amend, so that hereafter the pay of members of the Legislature shall be three dollars per day so Mr. Hillis said the adoption of the law limiting members nd passed—ayes 27, noes 17.

Ito three dollars per day, for the first six weeks of the sesmr Ellis, on leave, introduced a bill to legalise a certain sion, was brought about for political purposes, in the famous

to continue it longer on the Statute book. It was an impu-Mr Miller, on leave, reported back the bill for a plank tation against members, that they would sit here purely for the three dollars per day. Mr. Alley said, that whether the measure was adopted for political purposes or not it had accomplished the object for which it was intended. Previous to that time, when we town of Baltimore, in the county of Warren; read three had not half our present population, and not half the amount

rate the Washington manufacturing company; read a second or seven different sessions. Facts were stubborn things, and time, rules su-pended, and the bill read a third time and the gentleman should profit by their lessons! Mr. Hunter moved that the amendment be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 70, noes 21. Mr. Hillis then moved to reduce the pay of members to \$1.50 per day ; when

per day, without limitation. Since the ad ption of the pres-

ent law, gentlemen were acquainted with the results at six

Mr. Dougherty of F., moved the previous question ; which being su-tained, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading. The bill relative to the election of District prosecutors in

certain Districts was taken up, and the amendment of the Senate concurred in with an amendment. The bill of the Senate to incorporate the Clinton county Steam mill company was read a third time and passed; also The bill to incorporate the Indianapolis and Brownsburgh plank road company.

The bill to incorporate Liberty in Union county; also, A message from the Senate announced, that the Senate have again refused to recede from its agreement to the Mr Miller, on leave, introduced a bill to repeal an act re- amendment of the House to the Convention bill of the Senlating to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace, so far as ate restricting office holders from holding seats in the Conrelates to the county of Gibson; read three times and passed. vention as Delegates, and have appointed Messrs. Miller and Mr Dawson, on leave, reported back the bill to regulate Porter a second committee of free conference on the part of the fees of the auditor and treasurer of Allen county; read the Senate, and request a similar committee on the part of

Mr. Hillis mrved that the House recede from its amend-Mr Berry, on leave, reported back the bill to incorporate ment to said bill; which motion did not prevail, ayes 36, Mr. Dougherty of B. then moved that a second committee of fice conference be appointed; which motion prevailed,

and Messrs. Dodd and Burnett were appointed said committee, on the part of the House. The bill to change the boundary of Warren and Fountain counties was read a 2d time; when

Mr. Chandler moved that the bill be indefinitely post poned; which motion prevailed, ayes 48, noes 29. The joint resolution to suspend the operation of a law of he present session providing for an additional place of holding elections in Richland township, Greene county, came up

on its 2d reading; when Mr. Humphreys moved to indefinitely postpone the joint resolution; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Ru-sell moved to take from the table the bill reported from the Temperance committee, to suppress the sale of spir-

ituous liquors, and make it the order of the day for to-mor-Petitions were presented by Messrs. Wells and Beard; row at ten o'clock; which motion prevailed, ayes 49, noes Mr. Essex introduced a bill to authorize trustees of Metho-

By Mr. Barker, to incorporate Evangelical Protestant his State.

of jurors in U. S. Destrict Court, in favor of \$2 per day for
Mr. Niblack, on leave, presented a bill to authorize the jurors and ten cents per mile as mileage; read 3 times and

The bitt to incorporate the Delphi Northern plank road company : also. The bill to amend the act relative to compensation to ex-

aminers of school teachers. The bill allowing members of the Legislature \$3 each, in lieu of stationery at each session. Mr. Niblack moved to indenitely postpone,

Mr. Camahan of P. said that on examining the accounts the State.

Me-ass. Hicks, Spencer, Chandler, Edwards, Graves; which were disposed of by the House.

Mr. Niblack withdrew the motion to postpone; when Mr. Wilson moved to amend by striking out "three dollars" and inserting "seventy-five cents."

Mr. Patierson moved further to amend, when Mr. Weir moved to lay the bill and amendments on the table; which motion did not prevail, syes 27, noes 63. Mr. Shepard moved to refer to a select committee, with Mr. Carnaban of P. said, he had made no charge of fraud against any one. He had alluded to the gross amount charged against the State.

The bill was not referred. Mr. Wells moved further to amend; when the bill was referred to the committee of ways and means. The bill relative to the office of auditor of Warrick was read a third time and passed; also,

The bill to regulate witness' fees in Probate Courts and Courts of Common Pleas; also, The bill to amend the act for the government of the Indiana Ho-pital for the Insune; also,

The tall to compel speculators to pay their due proportion tory, shall be entitled to their pro rata proportion of the The joint tes lution relative to costs in U. S. Courts in

suits involving patent rights, where plaintiffs or agents are The bill relative to Probate Court of Parke county; also,

Mr. Cleaver moved to strike out and insest, that the Govto sell at that amount, &c. The bill was referred to the committee on the affairs

On motion, the House adjourned. Before further action thereon; the hour having arrived,

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from the vender.

ayes 61. noes 26.

constitutional objection.

ally to suppress the sale of spirituous liquors.

poce vote, whether licenses shall be granted or not; and

certain restrictions, &c. Persons retailing without li-

landlord to be liable for the fine, if it cannot be collected

Mr Mickle moved to amend the amendment, so as to re-

Mr Wilson moved to lay the amendments on the table

prefacing his motion by remarking that the bill was one ma-

tured by a committee to whom memorials had been referred,

containing more than ten thousand signatures, whether black

or white, women or children, was not for him to inquire.

He therefore hoped the amendments would be laid upon the

The amendments were laid upon the table by a vote o

Mr Wilson moved to strike out the tenth and eleventh

sections, providing for a vote of the people on the bill. This provision had been declared unconstitutional, and he wished

the House to meet a full responsibility of the measure, with-

out going behind the people.

Mr Butler said, the bill had been so shaped as to avoid the

Mr Alley denied the position of the gentleman from Wayne (Mr Builer.) It required just as much legislative

Mr Carnahan of P. said, that all the efforts or legislators

ards. He referred to the efforts of the Grand Lecturer, em-

necessary, and provide a guardian for his wife and children.

nitely postponed; which motion did not prevail-ayes 48,

AYES-Messis Alley, Athon, Barker, Bird, Bowen, Brown

Mr Hunter asked leave to vote before the result was an-

nounced, being out of the bar when the vote was taken;

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from L. Duntap, President of the Board of Trustees of

The House resumed the consideration of the bill for

Mr. Johnson moved to lay Mr. Prather's amendment or

Several motions were made to except counties; which

Mr. Alley moved the previous question, which being

The joint resolution on the subject of admitting slave

Mr. Cleaver moved to indefinitely postpone the resolu-

Mr. Spencer moved to commit with interactions to

amend,-"that it is the sentiment of the Legislature that

slavery should not be introduced into territory where it does

tion; which motion did not prevail, ayes 22, noes 46.

agreed that the House recede from its amendment.

Mr. Dougherty of B., although unable to vote for a con-

Mr. Dodd said, that he had been influenced in making

Mr. Wilson would never agree to recede. He had rath-

Mr. Prather had rather resign and go home than recede

Mr. Murray thought it was rather a small matter to be

be little danger in submitting the whole matter to the

people. Besides, the House laid its own bill on the table

and suffered the Senate to fix the details of the bill. The

House, therefore, should not now jeopardize the passage of

Mr Brown of S had voted for the amendment from con

scientions motives; his mind had undergone no change, and

he could not vote for the report of the committee. The

amendment restricted no class of citizens from holding seats

as delegates, it only said to persons holding offices to disrobe

themselves of office, and stand on the broad equality of their

Mr Harney had always voted against the amendment

but the question was not now the same as it was a few days

since-it was now a question of convention or no conven

tion. The friends of the amendment had stood by it man-

fully-they had carried it triumphantly through the House

orable and magnanimous in them to secede, and would be so

considered by the people.

Mr Alley would not secede. He was more and more con

vinced of the correctness of the positions he had first advo-

Mr Orr would not vote for the report of the committee

He had been a warm advocate of a convention, for the past

this was the popular tranch of the Legislature, that had

been more lately sent here by the people, and he thought the Senate should receie from its disagreement.

The vote was then taken on concurring in the report of

the committee of free conference, whereby the House re-

in the attirffative-ayes 55, noes 37.

and had done all they could to sustain it. It was now ho

fellow-citizens.

cated.

the bill, by adhering to an amendment, which he believed

put, to-wit: Shall the bill pass? was decided in the nega-

The Speaker laid before the House, a communication

Thom, Tinbrook, Watkins, and Whinery-40.

but leave was refused by the House,

the table; which motion prevailed.

territory was read a 3d time; when

tive, ayes 29, noes 52.

On motion, the House adjourned.

quire a majority of the whole number of legal voters in a

county or township in order to authorise licenses.

WEDNESDAY, January 16. The Senate met.

Bills Introduced. By Mr Conduit, to amend the charter of the Franklin and White River turnpike company ; read three times and passed. By Mr Kinnaid, to amend an act therein named; sead

twice and referred to the committee on Education. if granted then to be issued by the county board, under Milliken reported back the bill to straighten the boundary line between Ohio and Dearborn counties; the Senate refused to pass the bill to a third reading-ayes 16, poes 23. Mr Lyon, from the committee on Federal Relations, to which was referred sundry joint resolutions on the subject of slavery, reported them back and recommend that they be laid on the table, and that a joint resolution reported in lieu

thereof, be passed; report not concurred in-ayes 21, noe Mr Miller, from the committee of free conference on the convention bill, reported that the committee had agreed that the House recede from their amendment to said bill, which provides that no office holder shall be eligible to a seat in

the convention. On motion of Mr Walpole, the report of the committee was concurred in.

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Bills, &c. read a third time and passed. A joint resolution relative to sinking the public debt; no passed—ayes 10, noes 25.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

For the telief of Elihu Motris, of Marshall county. To provide for the sale of a portion of square No. 25, in the city of indianapolis, to the Indiana Asbury University for the u e of a medical college.

power to repeal a law as to enact one. Mr Walpole, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief Jesemiah T. Draper; read three times and passed. to legislate men virtuous had proven ineffectual. The bill Mr Hubbard, on leave, introduced a bill to authori provides that before a mon can retail spirituous liquois he must be a licensed druggist! He must have a few roots and qualified voters in a certain school district, to levy a tax for the purpose of building a school house; read three times drugs, to enable him lawfully to make his neighbors drunk-

Mr Hendricks, on leave, introduced a bill to vacate ceranating from the capital of the State, and urging the organitain blocks, streets and alleys in Michigan city, Laporte | zation of a grand temperance party. He took the ground that the State had no more right to license a dram shop than to license a stealing shop. His doctrine was, let all manufacture and sell; but punish the man if he becomes a nui-Mr. Rousseau, on leave, introduced a bill for the preservation of county records, and for making a general index thereto; read twice and referred to the comsance to society; he would even take away his liberty, i To authorise the sale of the northern division of the Cen-He believed that the operation of the bill would be an entral canal.

tire failure, and that moral sussion alone could make men Relative to the acknowledgment and recording of deeds. virtuous. Taking this view of the question he would move Respecting sinking fund morigages. to lay the bill upon the table. To amend section 11, chapter 56, of the Revised Statutes Mr Wilson was with the gentleman from Posey in his arguments; but he wished the sections of the bill stricken To amend the general plank road law. out, that gentlemen might show their hands on the bill, with-

Regulating the license of travelling merchants and pedleis in the several counties therein named. The question was taken on Mr Wilson's amendment, an The committee on the Benevolent Institutions of the decided in the negative-ayes 24, noes 63. State made a report highly favorable as to their management, Mr Cleaver moved to amend so as to add wine, cider, bee for which see Semi-weekly. House Bills taken up and passed. Mr Wilson moved that the bill and amendment be indefi-

To change the name of Uniontown, Grant county, read three times and passed. To locate a State roal on the line dividing the counties of of S., Byers, Caldwell, Camahan of P. Cleaver, Conaway, Miami and Wabash; read three times and passed.

Mr Walpole, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief of Connor, Delavan, Dougherty of B., Dougherty of E., Edwards, E-sex, Farnsley, Gentry, Goodwin, Graves, Great-Charity Ann Wise; read three times and passed. house, Harney, Hart, Hillis, Huey, Humphreys, Johnson, To authorise the auditor of Henry county to sell certain

Landiss, Lane, Miller of O. Morrison, Nibbek, Cer, Reed, school lands belonging to the school fund of said county. Richardson, Robinson of D , Rush, Salter, Shepard, Spencer, A joint resolution in regard to the compensation of jurors Thomas, Warriner, Wells, Wier, Wilson, Wright and Yoin the District Court of the United States. Nors-Messrs Allen, Beard, Brown of R., Burnet, Butler On motion, the Senate adjourned. Carnahan of F., Chandler, Cole, Cravens, Defrees, Elder, Ellis, Gessie, Harvey, Hicks, Hill, Holcomb, Keeney, Knowl-

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16, 1850. Mr. Graves presented a temperance memorial which wa referred to Mesers. Graves, Brown of R. and Hill. Mr. May presented a State road petition which was re

Mr. Farnsley reported back the bill to incorporate the

Evansville Insurance company; which was read a 3d time Mr. Leviston reported a bill to incorporate the Jonesborough and New Cumberland plank road company; which was read 3 times and passed. Mr. Whinery reported back the bill to incorporate the

the Indiana Hospital for the Insane, for an investigation town of Shelbyville; which was ordered to a 3d reading. into the conduct of the officers of the Hospital; which Mr. Connot, from the committee on commerce and manuwas referred to the committee on Benevolent and Scienfactures, made a report in favor of a geological survey of tific Institutions. the State; but owing to the depressed state of the treasury, could not recommend an appropriation from the treasury the election of township assessors-the question being on for that object, at this time.

Mr. Cole reported back the bill to incorporate the Peru Mr. Prather's amendment to the instructions. and Warsaw plank road company; read a 3d time and

Mr. Miller of M. and F. reported a bill amending the charter of Peru and Rochester turnpike company; which were not adopted. was read twice.

Mr. Cole opposed the bill and moved to lay it on the table : which motion prevailed. Mr. Salter reported a bill to incorporate the Lafayette, Rensselaer and Chicago sailroad company; which was sead Mr. Holcomb offered a resolution that there shall be a select committee of one from each judicial circuit, to deter-

mine the amount of mileage each member is entitled to received-to report at its earliest convenience. Mr. Chandler offered a re-olution that after to-day the House will have night sessions. Mr. Edwards moved to lay on the table; carried. Mr. Cole offered a resolution, that the committee of ways

tors are instructed and representatives requested to use and means report a bill reducing the fees of all county oftheir influence to prevent the introduction of slavery within ficers 20 per cent; laid on the table. Mr. Butler offered a joint resolution relative to the boundtheir limits." ary of Texas; making the Nueces the boundary, with a sustained, was put, to-wit : Shall the joint resolution pass! view of excluding slavery, &c. Mr. Athon moved to reject the joint resolution; which was decided in the affirmative, ayes 48, noes 35.

motion prevailed, ayes 48, n es 42. Mr. Harney introduced a joint resolution on the subject of admitting territory into the Union-taking the ground in favor of admitting California as a sovereign State, provided her Constitution is in accordance with the Constitution of the United States; also in favor of delaying action ju reference to New Mexico until she may come into the Union as a State, and that the sectional questions now agitating Congress be di-countenanced as tending to prevent the peace and

harmony of the Union. Mr. Whinery moved to amend, so that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever be tolerated." Mr. Caldwell moved that the amendment be laid upon the favorable to the amendment; but, for the reasons assigned, would vote to concur in the report of the committee. table; which motion did not prevail, ayes 37, noes 55. Mr. Salter moved that the joint resolution be indefinitely postponed; which motion prevailed.

The bill to incorporate the Decatur, Portland and Winstill wished that all who could do so, would vote for a conchester plank road company was read three times and passcurrence in the report. The House would be placed in the condition of differing from the report of its own com-The bill to incorporate the Centreville and Jacksonburgh mittee, which might be hard to explain. He believed. turnpike company.

Mr. Nibisck introduced a bill to authorize Margaret Herd however, that the committee had not reflected the wishes to file a bill for a divorce ; read 3 times and passed. of the House; but, inasmuch as the discussion on the

By Mr. Carnahan of F., authorizing commissioners of Fountain to varate street in Rob Roy; read 3 times and amendment, would accomplish the object intended, to a great extent, he would be satisfied should the House recede. By Mr. Defrees, a bill to collect and reprint the school his report by the anxiety of the people for a Convention,

and the danger of losing the bill should the House refuse By Mr. Hunter, a bill to smend the charter of the Indiana Mutual Fire Insurance Company; read 3 times to recede. and passed.

By Mr. Salter, a bill to incorporate the Spring Creek and Trppecanoe Hydraulic company; referred. er the bill should be lost. By Mr Graves, to regulate the retailing of spirituous making so much fuss about. He thought that there would

liquors in Kosciusko-similar to the Wisconsin law-snoject to a vote of the people to be in force in any township; read 3 times and passed. By Mr Allen, a bill in relation to the President and Directors of the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad Company, and to secure the more speedy completion of the road-providing that Vigo county shall issue bonds,

the people themselves would regulate to their own satis-&c., and authorizing the company to issue bonds, at not exceeding seven per cent. interest; read 3 times and faction. not changed his mind on the subject of the amendment; but By Mr Delavan, a bill to prevent mechanics tools from to save the bill would vote to concur in the report of the execution; read twice; when committee. The only alternative now left, was to appeal Mr Shepard moved to emend, by adding, that "all farmer's tools shall be exempted;" which motion prevailed, and on the question of engrossment, the bill failto the people, and he believed their decision would be against any office holder taking a seat in the convention.

ed, ayes 22, noes 26. By Mr Wells, declaring the meaning of certain section in school law, in relation to fractional township; refer-By Mr Chandler, authorizing masters in chancery t

take acknowledgments of deeds, &c.: referred. By Mr Shelby, further to amend the charter of Indianapolis and Lafayette Railroad company; referred. The bill relative to deputy clerks practising law was taken up; when Fayette and Gibson were included, and the bill passed.

Mr Robson reported back the bill for chartering the

Eagle creek plank road company; which was read a 3d me and passed.

By Mr Bird, to amend the portion of the Revised laws incorporating towns, providing that no amendments shall be made, without six week's notice; referred.

By Mr Chandler, a bill supplemental to an act concerning divorces; referred.

By Mr Wells, a bill to amend the act for the govern nent of the Indiana Hospital for the Insane; referred.
The bill to provide for the election of county assessors, and for the assessment of personal property, &c.; was Mr Graves moved to recommit the bill with

Mr Athon moved to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr Graves said, his instructions were to strike out all Caldwell, Carnahan of F., Carnahan of P., Cravens, Define bill, except so much as relates to the election of frees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Edwards, Elder, Ellis, of the bill, except so much as relates to the election of township assessors, and they to be governed by the laws now in force.

Mr Athon withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone.

Mr Prather moved to further instruct, so that the return of assessors shall be made by the first of June, and law be suspended for one year.

Before further action thereon; the hour having arrived,

frees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Edwards, Eider, Ellis, township assessors, and they to be governed by the laws frees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Edwards, Eider, Ellis, township assessors, and they to be governed by the laws frees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Edwards, Eider, Ellis, township assessors, and they to be governed by the laws frees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Edwards, Eider, Ellis, township assessors, Allen, Alley, Gentry, Gessie, Graves, Greathouse, Harney, Hart, Harvey, Hicks, Hillis, Holcomb, Huey, Mickle, Miller of M. and F., Murray, Niblack, O'Haver, Patterson, Richardson, Robson, Rush, Russell, Salter, Sherrod, Spencer, Stoops, Thomas, Warriner, Wells, Withers, Whinery, Wright, and Mr. Speaker—55.

Noes—Mesers. Allen, Alley, Brown of S. Butler, Byers,

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the House proceeded to the consideration of the bill re-Cleaver, Cole, Connor, Delavan, Dougherty of B., Goodported from the committee on temperance, more effectuwin, Hill, Knowlton, Lane, Leviston, May, Miller of O. Millikin, Morrison, O'Neal, Orr, Prather, Reed, Robinson of D., Robinson of L., Ross, Shelby, Shepard, Stewart, Summers, Thom, Tinbrook, Watkins, Weaver, Weir, Wilson and Yocum-27. Mr Patterson moved to strike out the bill from the enacting clause and insert a substitute-providing, that a vote shall be taken at the next August election, by a viva

The bill is now a law when the Governor signs it. Bills Passed

To revive the act to provide for the support of the indigent blind; to attach portion of Congressional township to Gibson county; to incorporate Fort Wayne and Wolf Lake turnpike company; to amend the State debt law in reference to appraisement of lands; changing the mode of county business in Crawford; to reduce the fees of recorder of Warrick; to vacate a road; to amend the road law in Jefferson; to repeal the law relative to clerk's fees in Parke; to amend the act incorporating Greencastle; to repeal law relative to trustees in Warren assessing a lax; to repeal certain sections of an act therein named, in relation to city of Madison; to change the name of George S. Stevens; to repeal act so far as relates to Randolph; concerning Valley mills in Allen; to raise salaries of Probate and Associate judges of Warren; to change mode of county business in Owen; to amend section of Revised laws in relation to Posey and Greene; to authorize certain officers to administer oaths; legalizing election of trustees of Cloverdale; to amend Revised laws in relation to estrays; to increase pay of Probate judges of Knox, Randolph and Koscicsko; to re-peal portion of act fixing times of holding courts in 1st Circuit; relative to crime and punishment; to reduce fees of recorder of Greene; to amend act confining voters to townships in Martin; to amend chapter of Revised laws in Putnam county; to change the name of Abram Moore; to provide for the election of trustees in Lafayette by single-districts; for the relief of David Baker; to amend the general road law, so far as relates to Gibson; to raise a revenue for State purposes for 1850; joint resolution relative to donation of lands in Vincennes District for common schools; to authorize certain suits in the name of State; to repeal act levening Wabash river, at Shaker prairie; changing mode of electing U. S. Senators by viva voce vote; to incorporate Vincennes and Orleans railroad company; authorizing appointment of private secretary of Governor; to amend Revised laws in relation to sale of lands; to authorize jailors to dis-

charge prisoners in certain cases. The bill providing for a joint railroad and joint passenger Depot at Indianapolis was read a 3d time; when Mr Cole moved to reter with instructions to amend, so that rights of other companies shall not be affected without renuneration; carried. The bill to incorporate the Shelbyville and Indianapo-

lis railroad company was read a second time and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr Wilson introduced a joint resolution in relation to the computation of mileage; which was read three

Mr Carr said, this resolution was intended to affect the action of the Speaker, in regard to allowing mileage. The Speaker had refused to allow mileage by the river and railroad route; but had allowed mileage by the usual land route. He so understood the Constitution, and gentlemen should make the resolution more definite, for it now read that mileage should be allowed according to the Constitution. Should the amount of mileage be fixed by the Legislature, the Speaker would conform to the law.

Mr Wilson read the Constitution to show, that the most usual route of travel was the one to be charged with mileage. He understood the President of the Senate had ton, Leviston, May, Menaugh, Miller of M. and F., Milli-kin, O'Haver, O'Neal, Patterson, Prather, Robinson of L., Robson, Russell, Shelby, Stewart, Stone, Stoops, Summers, allowed river and railroad mileage. Mr Patterson moved to indefinitely postpone.

Before the question was taken,

On motion, the House adjourned.

SENATE. THURSDAY, January 17. Mr Morrison presented a petition which was referred. Mr Sleeth moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill to encourage the construction of rail and plank roads

was indefinitely postponed; carried. The question being on indefinitely postponing the bill, it was lost-ayes 20, nees 20. After an animated discussion on the provisions of the bill, and the amendments offered to the same, Mr Read of Clark moved to lay the bill and amendments

on the table ; carried-ayes 23, noes 19. Reports from Standing Committees. By M: Winstandley, that it is unnecessary to pass a law authorising the negotiation of a loan to pay the interest that shall become due hereafter on the public debt; report con-

son and ludianapolis tailtoad company to take stock in a certain company be indefinitely postponed; report concurred By Mr Garver, that the bill relative to sinking fund mortgages be laid on the table ; report concurred in. By Mr Garver, that the bill relative to the public printing

be indefinitely postponed; report concurred in. On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr Buckles reported back the bill defining the duties and compensation of the prosecuting attorney in Tippecanoe county; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill

not exist, and inasmuch as New Mexico and California read a third time and passed. are in fact and in law free territories; therefore our Sena-Mr Miller reported back the bill to incorporate the Lamasco iron manufacturing company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and passed. Mi Miller, from a select committee, made the following Mr. Butler moved the previous question; which being MR. PRESIDENT:-The select committee, to which had

teen referred the petition of Harrison P. Wease and others, asking a part of Knox county to be attached to the county Mr. Withers introduced a bill to provide for a more just of Pike, after due consideration, have instructed me to report and equal assessment of personal property, &c., so far as the same back to the Senate, and recommend that the same be laid on the table, and request to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, it appearing that the relates to the county of Parke; read 3 times and passed. Mr. Dodd, from the committee of free conference, to whom was referred, the disagreeament of the two Houses petitioners have not complied with the provisions of the act on the Convention bill, reported that the committee had to define the duties of petitioners for the formation of new counties, approved January 15, 1845, no notice having been given as required by said act; report concurred in.

Mr Harvey reported a bill to amend the general plank
road law; read a first time, rules suspended, and the bill Mr. Patterson had voted for the amendment of the House; but a crisis had arrived, when we had either to go home without a Convention, or recede. He was still

head a third time and passed.

Mr Holloway reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Richmond and Terre Haute railroad company; read a second time, rules suspended, and the bill read a third time concurrence in the report, from conscientious motives, he and pased. Messrs Buckles, Euglish, Sleeth, Porter, Dawson, Graham. Rousseau, Hendricks, Harvey, Holloway and James, from

committees, reported back bills on their second readings, which were read a second time and passed to a third read-Bills Introduced. By Mi Berry, a bill relative to the appointing of a reporter to report the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana; read a first time.

seminary ; read twice and referred to the committee on Cor-By Mr McCarty, a bill to regulate the times of the sitting of the Marion circuit court; read three times and passed. A large number of House bills, of a local character, were taken up, and were either passed to a second reading, read a second time, referred, laid on the table, indefinitely postponed, or read a third time and passed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

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time and passed.

Mr Wells reported against the expeciency of paying members \$3 each per session, in lieu of stationery; which was concurred in. The bill to incorporate the Spring creek and Tippeca-

Mr Leviston, from the committee on corporations, reported back the bill to incorporate the Shelbyville and Indianapolis railroad company, with a recommendation in favor of the passage of the bill. Mr Prather opposed the bill, considering it equally as objectionable as the bill for a railroad direct to Cincinnai.

He hoped gentlemen would recollect the support they had received from his and other counties. Mr Brown of S. said, this bill would not seriously injure the Madison road. The bill simply authorizes the construction of a road from Indianapolis to Greensburgh. It provides, that the part of the road, between Shelbyville and Greensburgh shall be constructed by the Lawrenceburgh company, and the portion of the road between Shelbyville and Indianapolis jointly, by the Lawrence-burgh and Rushville road. So far as the great Southwestern road is concerned, it simply provided for an ar-

rangement, whereby Cincinnati might be reached.

Mr Robinson of D. defended the bill, and hoped that
gentleman would not bend all the energies of the State to support the Madison road, and that too at the expense portions of the State, that had no outlet to market.

Mr Dougherty of B. was sorry to see so contracted spirit manifested, in opposition to this bill. A connection with Cincinnati, if not now provided for, would soon take place. The people would hold their representatives to a rigid accountability on this question. He had

voted for all reasonable charters for improvement, and

thought the door should be thrown open for all proper Mr Hillis would not have said a word, had not the Madison road and the city of Madson been attacked. This bill would injure both the Edinburgh and Shelby-ville toad and Knightstown and Shelbyville road. It appeared strange that the Knightstown and Shelbyville road had not an interest in the connection of a road to Indianapolis It appeared that the Lawrenceburgh and Rushville interests had formed a combination. He contended, that the abused city of Madison had done more than any other city to build up the commerce of the

State. He asked, why this opposition?

improvement was brought up in any wise coming in competition with Madison or the Madison road, a voice from Madison always answered, No. The bill now only contemplated a road to Lawrenceburgh - and the same answer was given. It appeared that they wished to monopolize every thing. He wished a direct road to Cincinnati; but this failing, he was now willing to support a road to Lawrenceburgh, that some other town might be built up than Madison. He was told by a citizen of Madison that we should wait some five or six years until Madison was built up, and then, if we had an intelligent Legislature, we might get a road to Cincinnati. He denied, that a road to Cincinnati would materially in-

Mr Russell would answer. Wherever any object of

Mr Sherrod regretted to see so much inconsistency on the part of the friends of the bill. Madison and the Madison road were singled out as objects of attack. He believed the towns and cities in the whole Southern part of the State, would be injured and affected by the bill. Ho was the advocate of the interest of all portions of the State, and he would therefore move that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

the bill. It merely provided for a road from Indianapolis to Greensburgh-the road from Greensburgh to Lawrenceburgh was now under contract and rapidly progressing. He had experience that Lawrenceburgh was a better market than Madison, and therefore there was no reason why the bill should not pass. Mr Prather opposed the bill because the interest of the

Mr Robinson of D. made an explanation personal himself. His remarks would not have been made did he not believe that means had been used, both secret and openly, on the part of the Madison interest, to defeat the bill. He asked, how a road from Indianapolis to Law-renceburgh would injure the Shelbyville and Edinburgh road, or the Knightstown and Shelbyville road? Instead of injury, it would aid both of those roads. He denied also, that this bill would injure the Southern cities of the

Mr Hill moved to recommit the bill, with instructions to amend, stating that he had introduced a bill to include the Knightstown and Shelbyville road in an arrangement, that had been voted down.

vail, ayes 45, noes 37-it requiring two thirds to suspend Mr Whinery reported back the bill to incorporate the Lafayette, Rensalaer and Chicago railroad company, with

The bill to amend the charter of the Indianapolis and Lafayette railroad company was read a third time and Mr Brown of R. reported back the bill amending the

act incorporating towns; which being amended, the bill was ordered to a 3d reading. Mr Robson reported back the bill for the incorporation and regulating of telegraph companies, with an amendment, which was concurred in, and the bill read a third

reported against the expediency of making repairs, as remmended by architects who examined the State house, but in favor of an appropriation of seven bundred dollars for that object, and reported a bill for that purpose, which

Mr Robson, from the committee on public buildings,

The bill to provide for a railroad from Evansville to Vincennes was reported back; when Mr Holcomb moved to make Patoka a point, under ertain restrictions, as to expense; which was adopted,

on county; concurred in. Mr Elder reported against striking off a portion of citizens from the corporation of Cambridge; concurred in. Mr May reported a bill to locate a road on the line between Steuben and De Kalb; read three times and pass-

vide for the election of county assessors, extending provisions to Sullivan. The county of Warrick was added and the bill read a 3d time and passed. Mr Miller of M. and F. reported back the bill to define the duties of county assessors, with an amendment slriking out the bill and inserting a substitute, in relation to

Mr Stoops moved that the bill be laid on the table ; which was withdrawn at the request of Mr Graves, who moved that the bill and amendment be indefinitely postpoued; which motion prevailed, ayes

H. Robertson of Jackson county; read three times and By Mr Holcomb, a bill for the relief of Sarah M. Em erson; for a divorce; rejected.

Mr Miller of O. made a detailed report in relation to the joint resolution for the relief of James Galletely, and others, recommending its passage.

Mr Edwards moved to indefinitely postpone the joint resolution; which after remarks from Mr Hillis, was

Mr Edwards moved to amend, so that Galletely shall pay all cost, &c. if he fails in his suit, including attorney's nes on the part of the State. Mr Humphreys moved that the amendment be laid upon the table; carried.

The joint resolution was read a third time and passed. Mr Niblack offered a resolution in relation to bills of exceptions; adopted. By Mr Chandler, that after to-day the House will hold

his name shall be entered on the journals. Mr Sherrod moved the previous question, and the reso tion was adopted. Mr Edwards offered a joint resolution, authorizing the uditor, treasurer and secretary of State, to procure a

and Allen's mill turnpike company; referred. By Mr Prather, to authorize Presley A. Irwin to file a bill in chancery for a divorce; passed.

By Mr Lane, a bill to amend an act defining the duties

f justices of the peace in Putnam; passed.

county horse-thief detecting company; passed.

By Mr Hicks, a bill relative to sale of land for taxes in Johnson, &c.; passed. By Mr Whinery, a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Loke Michigan, Logansport and Ohio river railroad company-the road to commence at Logansport, and to

Mr Cole moved to reject; carried. By Mr Holcomb, a bill for the relief of Sarah M. Emerson; passed. On motion, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bills Passed.

To increase the pay of the clerk of the Carroll Circuit court. &c. ; to incorporate the Lagrange male and female seminary; to secure the more prompt payment of road tax; for the relief of certain persons in Fulton; in relation to deficiency of Michigan road lands; to authorize board of commissioners of Daviess to compound certain claims, &c. ; to amend the common school law in reference to Jay county; for the relief of Hezekiah Hinkson; declaring a stream in Shelby a public highway; to provide for township assessors in Crawford ; to amend the road law, so far as Jefferson county is concerned; to repeal part of section 16. chapter 12, in Revised laws, in relation to perpetuation of corners in Adams; in relation to sale of liquors in Ripley township, Rush county; for the relief of Nancy Kitchen; to provide for draining wet lands in Adams; to repeal a certain act so far as Steuben is concerned; to repeal the act incorporating Bloomfield; declaring a road in Morgan a State road; providing for the removal of fences from canal lands; to legalize the acts of school comcommissioner; to locate a road from Crawfordsville to Concord; to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks in Blue river township, Johnson county; for the relief of William Mackey; for the relief of Zadock C. Smith; for the benefit of persons who have made improvements on a school section in Cass and Mismi; to authorize a State road in Scott, Jefferson and Clark; joint resolution in relation to the navigation of the Iroque's and Kankakee rivers; joint resolution in relation to the improving the nevigation of the Ohio river; relative to the Mismi Indians; for grant of unsold lands in Indiana for common school purposes; to amend road law in Owen county; to incorporate the Lamasco manufacturing ship-yard company, making general appropriations for 1850; a joint resolution to enable the State of Indiana to draw arms and equipments

from U. S.; to change the name of Westport to Howard

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jure the the Madison road. It would take five years to complete a road, and by that time the increasing business of the country would furnish employment for all. Mr Lane said, that there was nothing unreasonable in

State would suffer by its passage.

Mr Sherrod withdrew the motion to postpone; when

Mr Brown of S. said, he hoped the instructions would not be adopted. The bill was a compromise between the Senator from Rush and the Senator from Dearborn, and he was surprised that the gentleman from Rush (Mr Hili) appeared to be so ignorant of a matter that had agitated both Houses during the entire session. He would therefore move the previous question, which being sustained, the question was put, on ordering the bill to a third reading, and decided in the affirmative, ayes 58, noes 27.

Mr Robinson of D. moved that the rules be suspeded and the bill be read a third time now; which did not pre-

a recommendation that the bill be indefinitely posiponed, which motion prevailed, and the bill postponed by a vote of ayes 50, noes 20.

Mr Mickle, from the committee of ways and means reported a bill making specific appropriations for the years 1849 '50; which passed to a 2d reading.

passed to 21 reading.

Mr Cole reported back the bill relative to a joint railroad track and joint passenger depot at Indianapolis; which was read a 3d time and passed.

and the bill read a 3d time and passed. Mr Hicks reported against reinstating auditor of John-

Mr Weir reported back the bill to amend an act to pro By Mr Winstandley, that the bill to authorise the Madi-

> 64, nues 19. Mr Wells reported a bill for the relief of William I.

indebtedness of tax-payers.

Mr Graves reported back a bill in relation to building school house in a school district in Kosciusko; passed.

withdrawn, and

light sessions; when Mr Shepard moved to amend, so that should any memher be guilty of disorderly conduct, at such night sessions,

suitable room for holding the Convention to amend the Constitution ; laid on the table. Mr Robson offered a joint resolution to extend the privileges of the State library to the architects of the Insame hospital; passed.

By Mr Spencer, a bill to incorporate the Rising Sun By Mr Eddy, a bill to incorporate the German theological

> By Mr Robson, a bill to charter the Eagle creek Marion be finished to some point on the Bellfontaine road in ten